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PUBLIC FORUM SCHEDULED FOR FIRST UM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

MISSOULA —

Members of the public are invited to meet the first of five candidates for the Grizzly athletic director position at The University of Montana on Thursday, June 9.

A public forum with Calli Sanders, senior associate athletic director at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. All interested persons are invited to hear what Sanders can offer the University and UM Intercollegiate Athletics.

A native of **Great Falls**, Sanders has 18 years of experience in athletics and university administration. She holds a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communications from UM, a master's degree in education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a doctorate in adult and higher education with an emphasis in higher education administration from Montana State University-Bozeman.

At Iowa State, Sanders is the senior member of the athletic director's staff and is the highest-ranking woman. Her duties include direct administration and leadership of 12 of ISU's 18 sports, with budgets totaling \$2 million.

She coordinates Gender Equity and Title IX efforts and oversees the media relations

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and event management offices. She also directly supervises 11 full-time staff members and their staffs, totaling about 35 employees. In addition, she represents ISU in Big 12 Conference and NCAA governance.

Before coming to ISU, Sanders held the position of associate dean of students at the University of Maine from 2001 to 2003. She was associate director of athletics at MSU-Bozeman from 1997 to 2001 and associate director of athletics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham during 1988-97.

Four other candidates will interview between now and June 23. They are Jim O'Day, director of development for UM Intercollegiate Athletics; Tom Sadler, senior associate athletic director at the University of Hawaii; Mike Marlow, associate athletic director at the University of Oregon; and Tom Collins, senior associate athletic director at Arizona State University.

A search committee comprising members of the community and UM staff, faculty, students and administrators selected the finalists from a pool of more than 60 applicants. The new athletic director will replace Don Read, who has led Grizzly athletics during the past year.

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